

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: Albany	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 16 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Plaza (foot of State Street)

CITY OR TOWN:
Albany

STATE New York	CODE 36	COUNTY: Albany	CODE 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Delaware & Hudson Railroad * State University of New York

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The Plaza (foot of State Street)

CITY OR TOWN: Albany	STATE: New York	CODE 36
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Albany County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Albany	STATE New York	CODE 36
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Resources of the Hudson

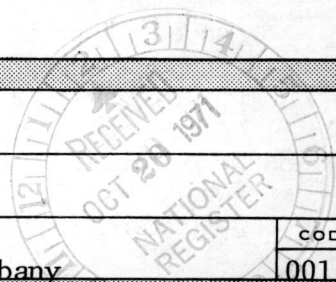
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Hudson River Valley Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
105 White Plains Road

CITY OR TOWN: Tarrytown	STATE: New York	CODE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of stories: The main section of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Building is four stories high plus an attic. The central tower consists of thirteen stories plus a spire. The Evening Journal addition located at the south end of the building is six stories high with an eight story tower.

Number of bays: The entire west (front) facade is thirty-five bays wide.

Shape of plan: The building is composed of several rectangular sections which are joined together to form arc-shaped plan. The concave elevation faces the "Plaza" (west).

Wall construction: The walls are constructed of seam-faced granite laid in random ashlar pattern and are trimmed with Gothic details of grey stone.

The facade is divided by piers into bays. Each bay contains three windows. Alternate bays are topped by dormers.

Structural system: The structural system for the D & H section is a combination of reinforced concrete and steel framing. The Evening Journal section has a steel framing system.

Roof: The building has a hipped roof covered with slate.

Dormers: The building has long rows of gabled dormers. Each dormer is elaborately detailed and has three cusped-arch windows.

Notable exterior features: The most prominent exterior feature of the D & H Building is the central tower, which is surmounted by a hipped roof. Turrets capped by a high peaked eight-sided roof are attached to each corner of the tower at the eleventh and twelfth story level. Rising from the main roof is a tall spire with a weather vane in the shape of Henry Hudson's ship, "Half Moon".

The ornate tower of the Albany Evening Journal addition serves as a visual counterbalance to the central tower and provides an exciting southern terminus for the entire building.

The first floor of the building is recessed several feet forming a vaulted arcade which extends across the length of the west elevation.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1914-1918**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1910 it was suggested that the area located near the foot of State Street between Broadway and the Hudson River be cleared and developed as part of an over-all improvement plan for downtown Albany.

Arnold W. Brunner, Architect and City Planner, and Charles D. Lay, Landscape Architect, were chosen in 1912 to prepare studies for a new Albany City plan.

The studies, completed in 1914, included plans for the improvement of Albany's parks, the planting of more trees, the erection of a new Hudson River bridge leading through monumental stone city gates, and the construction of a long, narrow office building with a prominent tower facing on a landscaped plaza, to be located at the junction of Broadway and State Street. ¹

From the standpoint of urban planning, it was intended that this building serve several functions. First, the construction of the new offices would necessitate the much desired demolition of buildings in the old water front area of the city. Moreover, the finished structure would provide an exciting visual terminus for the eastern end of State Street while acting as a buffer, between the railroad tracks and downtown Albany.

The Brunner-Lay Plan was widely publicized. Articles on the transformation of Albany into a "City Beautiful" appeared in the Sunday New York Times and in two separate issues of the American Architect. In spite of this publicity, with the exception of the office building and the Plaza, most of the plan was never implemented due to the change in priorities, values, and tastes brought about by World War I.

In 1914 the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, having outgrown its headquarters at 58 North Pearl Street, decided to erect the office building called for in the Brunner-Lay plan. Albany Architect Marcus T. Reynolds was chosen to design the new structure. What Reynolds created was a modern reinforced concrete and steel framed building with Gothic exterior detailing. The structure embraced such modern interior innovations as indirect lighting while having gables, turrets and arched windows on the exterior. The tower was capped by a copper fleche bearing a gilded weather vane in the form of Henry Hudson's "Half Moon".

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brunner, Arnold W. "Studies for City of Albany, New York", The American Architect, Vol. 106 (August 26, 1914) pp. 113-117, 120, 123-124.

Delaware & Hudson Company. History of the Delaware & Hudson Company 1823-1923, Albany, New York: J. B. Lyon Company, 1925.

New York Times. June 21, 1914, II, 5.

"Office Buildings for the Delaware & Hudson Co.", The American Architect,

Vol. 1072 (June 16, 1915) pp. 383-386.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	0 , "	0 , "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Chester H. Liebs

ORGANIZATION: New York State Historic Trust DATE: August 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Executive Department

CITY OR TOWN: Albany STATE: New York CODE: 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name [Signature]

Title Chairman, NYS Historic Trust

Date December 15, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date MAR 16 1972

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 8 1972

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The entire building, including an addition on the southern end which was built by the Albany Evening Journal, was completed in 1918. Shortly afterwards the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company stated that:

"Probably no improvement in the companies' facilities at any place has contributed so much to the personal satisfaction and comfort of its officers and employees as has resulted from the new and beautiful office accommodations which this construction produced".²

Throughout the years the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company Building, because of its large scale, strategic location and irreplaceable detail, has often been mistaken for the New York State Capitol. Today many parts of the building are still used by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad or other private tenants, although the Evening Journal addition is now vacant. The structure remains the visual terminus for State Street and screens the shopping district, the Capitol, and the new South Mall from the sight and sound of the new highways which are replacing most of the railroad tracks along the River.

The Delaware and Hudson Railroad Building, along with the Albany Federal Building, the First Trust Company and several other structures surrounding "the Plaza", creates a functional as well as a visually dynamic urban environment. The building continues to be a primary resource in the revitalization of the City of Albany.



1. New York Times, June 21, 1914, II, 5.
2. Delaware and Hudson Company, History of the Delaware and Hudson Company 1823-1923. (Albany, N. Y.: J. B. Lyon Company, 1923) p.369.

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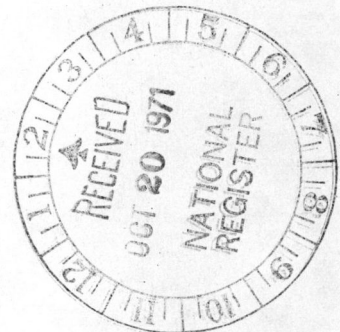
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* The Albany Evening Journal addition, located at the southern end of the Delaware & Hudson Building is owned by

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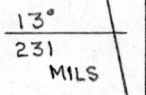




Delaware &
Hudson Railroad
Company Bldg.
Albany, N. Y.

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32
2
MENANDS 3.2 MI.
TROY 6.3 MI.
13° 45' 00" 00"
4722
43
EAST GREENBUSH 4.6 MI.
PITTSFIELD, MASS. 36 MI.

Magnetic
North



47°30" NEW YORK CITY 141 MI. INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C. 1965 BETHLEHEM CENTER 1.9 MI. CATSKILL 29 MI. 602000m.E. 42°37'30" 73°45'

J-25-NE
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

1 MILE

7000 FEET

KILOMETER

Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____

U. S. Route State Route

(EAST GREENBUSH)
6265 11 SW

Albany

Baltimore & Hudson Railroad Company
Building

STATE

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DATE OF RECEIPT

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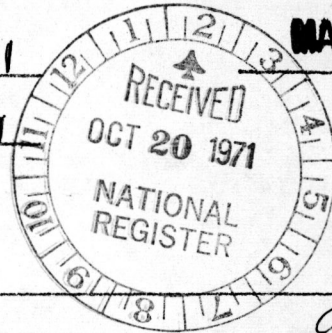
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Title:

~~Delaware & Hudson Railroad~~

~~Company Bldg - Albany City, Ny~~

Loc.

~~View looking N. Showing~~
~~facade facing Plaza~~



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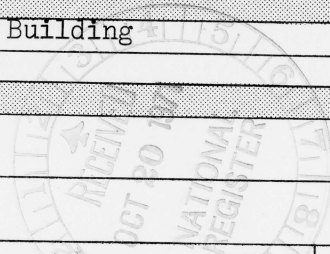
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View looking north showing the facade facing the Plaza.





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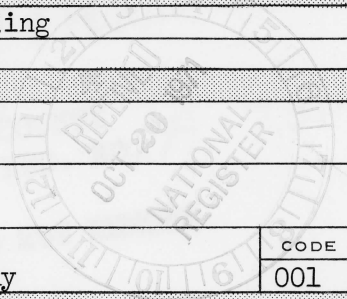
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View looking northwest showing the facade facing towards the Hudson River.



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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: USGS quadrangle, 7.5 minute series, Albany, New York

SCALE: 1:24,000

DATE: 1953.

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

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Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As Chairman of the New York State Historic Trust, the officially designated State Preservation agency, and as State Liaison Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Delaware & Hudson Building, Albany

The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, in accordance with the criteria outlined in section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the Trust would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Louis C. Jones
Chairman



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Commissioner

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